

Clerk's Note: This resolution was repealed on 5/20/10 by Resolution No. 16-1362.

Resolution:	16-595
Introduced:	May 13, 2008
Adopted:	June 10, 2008

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmembers Leventhal, Berliner and Ervin

SUBJECT: [Repeal of] Amendment to Resolution 15-1396 regarding the Policy on Parking at County Libraries

Background

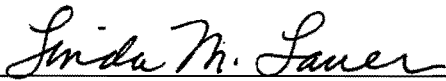
- [1.] On February 28, 2006 the Council approved Resolution 15-1396 stating the County residents will not be charged for parking while using any County library. Subsequently, free parking has been provided at the Bethesda and Rockville Libraries, requiring annual taxpayer subsidies at a rate of about \$7,000 and \$84,000, respectively.
- [2.] Citizens are accustomed to paying for parking in urban centers, whether they are shopping, visiting their doctor's office, or attending a day-time Planning Board hearing in Silver Spring, a meeting at their Regional Service Center in Silver Spring, Bethesda, or Wheaton, or a daytime hearing or worksession of the County Council.
3. There is no efficient and effective means of providing free patron parking that would not allow for the potential for abuse, since library employees do not validate parking.
4. Many urban libraries in the Baltimore-Washington region, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in Washington, D.C. and the main branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, do not provide free parking for patrons.
5. On May 2, 2008 the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee recommended discontinuing the subsidy for patrons driving to the Rockville Library.
6. The Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board, which supported the policy of providing free parking for library patrons initially, advised the Executive and Council on May 7, 2008 that it had reversed its position. In addition to the reasons noted above, the Board notes that providing free parking is a regressive subsidy to those who can afford to own and operate cars, and would increase congestion.
7. By repealing Resolution 15-1396 the County could establish an appropriate parking arrangement for each library appropriate to its particular circumstances.]

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County [approves the following resolution] amends Resolution 15-1396 as follows:

[Resolution 15-1396 is repealed, effective July 1, 2008.] It is the policy of Montgomery County that County residents will not be charged for parking during the first two hours of use each day while using any County library located in areas where parking is normally charged. The County will move expeditiously to implement this policy and attempt to ensure that parking reserved for library users is not used by non-library users.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda M. Lauer", is written over a horizontal line.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council